Development of Arunachal Pradesh

†217. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after constitution of Arunachal Pradesh, the development of its infrastructure has not been made upto required level;

(b) whether it is a fact that required development has not been done in other fields also including road, rail, air connectivity, agriculture, powers and industries in that State; and

(c) the details thereof and the view point of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) It is fact that infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh, including road, rail, air connectivity, power and industry, requires very considerable development.

(c) Arunachal Pradesh is among that eight North East States who are assigned 10% of the Plan budgetary support of all eligible Central Ministries, besides annual State Plans over the Tenth Plan Period and the first year of the Eleventh as details below:

(Rs. in Lac)

Tenth Plan 2002-07		Annual Plan 2007-08	
Outlay (Current Prices)	Actual Expenditure	Approved Outlay	Anticipated Expenditure
415035.01	343020.95	132000.00	127752.00

Source: Planning Commission

Also, along with the other Seven States of North East Arunachal Pradesh has been getting support under the scheme of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) for the development of infrastructure which primarily includes—roads & bridges, power, irrigation, education, health, water supply and tourism. So far, 94 infrastructure projects at an estimates cost of Rs. 812.83 crore have been sanctioned to the State, out of which Rs. 503.83 crore has been released. Sector-wise details are annexed. The details are also available on this Ministry's website - *www.mdoner.gov.in*

In addition, North Eastern Council (NEC) has also taken up various infrastructure development projects in Arunachal Pradesh in the sectors namely—power, transport and communication, health, water resources, industry, tourism and agriculture during the Tenth Plan Period and released Rs. 203.64 crore to the State. Sector-wise details are enclosed as Statement I &II (*See* below).

During the Prime Minister's recent visit to Arunachal Pradesh a special package was announced, comprising the following elements.

(i) Electrification of all the houses in the State with an amount of Rs. 550 crores by harvesting solar power as well as small hydro-power projects.

(ii) A new Greenfield Airport at Itanagar.

(iii) Improvement in Advanced Landing grounds at Tuting, Mechuk, Pasighat, Vijainagar and Walong.

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(iv) Daily helicopter facility between Guwahati and Tawang.

(v) Construction of two-lane Trans-Arunachal Pradesh Highway from Tawang to Mahadeopur.

(vi) Connecting Itanagar by four-lane highway and all District Headquarters by two-lane roads.

(vii) Connecting 500 small settlements by roads under Bharat Nirman.

(viii) Providing drinking water facilities in remote villages and settlements of Arunachal Pradesh

(ix) Providing an assistance of Rs. 400 crore for bringing an improvement in flood affected areas.

(x) Rs. 365 crores for completion of ongoing projects.

(xi) A grant of 50 crore for the R.K. Mission Hospital at Itanagar.

The Prime Minister has also laid the foundation stone of the following projects:

(i) New Secretariat Building

(ii) Para Power Project

(iii) Dibang Power Project

(iv) Itanagar Water Supply Scheme

(v) New Railway Line between Harmuti and Itanagar.

Statement-I

Sector-wise status of sanction and release of funds for NLCPR projects in Arunachal Pradesh

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Sector	No. of Projects Senctioned	Approved cost	Total Release
1.	Education	21	14817.28	10656.60
2.	Flood Control & Irrigation	16	6792.00	6752.82
3.	Health	4	1402.82	990.04
4.	Power	14	15669.72	13251.62
5.	Road & Bridges	25	28684.48	11421.68
6.	Water Supply	11	9293.12	6705.88
7.	Miscellaneous	3	4623.11	604.23
	TOTAL:	94	81282.53	50382.87

Statement-II

Sector-wise release of NEC funds during the Tenth Five year Plan (2002-2007)

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Sector	No. of Schemes	Amount Released
1.	Agriculture & Allied	9	776.76
2.	Power and Renewable Resources Energy	5	675.44
3.	Water Resources	6	722.19
4.	Industries & Tourism	4	98.30
5.	Transport & Communication	4	17299.10
6.	Health	4	492.56
7.	Manpower	3	299.75
	TOTAL:	35	20364.10

Ganga Highway Project

†218. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has cleared Ganga Highway Project of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any protest on it;

(c) whether ground of protest is based on environment; and

(d) whether his Ministry has examined it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As per Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the projects falling under category 'B' are apprised by the State level Environmental Appraisal Committee and a decision is taken by the State Environmental Impact Assessment authority (SEIAA). For Uttar Pradesh(UP), the SEIAA has been constituted, who has accorded environmental clearance to Ganga Expressway Project in August, 2007 after following necessary procedure including public hearing.

(b) to (d) As per the information furnished by SEIAA, UP, representations have been received by the them for the project, in which issues such as intensification of sedimentation of Ganga river, impact on bio-diversity, reduction in the flow have been raised. Further, Project proponents have been asked by the Secretariat of SEIAA, UP to carry out comprehensive environmental impact assessment and make necessary changes incorporating the environment issues.

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